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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YUMA

IN THE MATTER OF:)
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DISCLOSURE OF CRIMINAL) Administrative Order
HISTORIES AND REALTED) No. 2015-1
INFORMATION)
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Under Administrative Order No. 2014-20 the court established a Regional Mental Health Court to operate in conjunction with and under the auspices of the Yuma County Superior Court, which has been operating a Mental Health Court for felony probationers since April 2013.


At the time of the creation of the Mental Health Court, the Yuma County Adult Probation office assigned a supervising probation officer to act as a facilitator/coordinator to assist the court in evaluating, processing and coordinating all cases referred to and subsequently handled by the Mental Health Court. The supervising probation officer had access to the criminal histories, presentence reports, probation violations and any and all probation file information of all defendants who were referred to and have or are now participating in the Mental Health Court. Having access to the above information is critical in determining eligibility for and admission into the Mental Health Court programs.

1 Recently, the Superior Court hired a full time Mental Health Court facilitator/coordinator
2 to assist the court in facilitating not only felony probationers entering the Mental Health Court
3 but to implement the newly established Regional Mental Health Court which involves pre
4 conviction misdemeanor cases from the limited jurisdiction courts.

5 Based on the above, the continued need for disclosure of criminal histories, presentence
6 reports, probation violations and any and all probation file information for eligibility
7 determination and participation, and the fact that the Mental Health Court facilitator/coordinator
8 is an officer of the court;
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10 **IT IS ORDERED** that the Yuma County Adult Probation Office provide/disclose to the
11 Mental Health Court facilitator/coordinator; upon request, any and all criminal histories,
12 presentence reports, probation violations, and any and all probation file information of
13 individuals being screened for participation in and who participate in both Mental Health Court
14 programs. Disclosure may occur by hard copy and or by electronic means.
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21 DATED: January 8, 2015.

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24 Honorable John N. Nelson
25 Presiding Judge
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